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RE: Windy-Shingle Project

I have friends who live in Whitewater Wilderness Ranch. During my visits we spend time in the forest hiking, snowshoeing and hunting in Units 11 and 12B.

Approximately 5 years ago I lived in North Idaho where I had a 40-acre parcel of land that was heavily forested and infested with dwarf mistletoe and insect damage. The dwarf mistletoe was especially prevalent in my western larch (tamarack), so I am knowledgeable of what the damage would look like. During my visits to friends in WWR, I have not observed any dwarf mistletoe or insect damage to the forest.

I also notice that Units 11 and 12B are heavily utilized by elk and deer as a source of cover and protection. I've noted that deer and elk spend the nights in the open pasture feeding and at daylight they travel into the timber.

From my observations, I don't believe any treatment of Units 11 and 12B are warranted.

In the areas designated for intermediate cut, who decides which trees and how many trees are to be cut? Is that decision left up to the logging contractor or does the FS select and mark the trees to be harvested?

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.